

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE TREE BOARD

January 7, 2020  
4:00 P.M.  
Parks Department Office

Tree Board Members Present: Dale Hopp, Robert Balek, and Noah Smith, Bryan Stringer

Members Absent: Cody Smith

Non-Members Present: Brian Bradley and Jon Skinner

Meeting called to order at 4:00.

**1. Project Updates-**

**A. Tree City USA application for 2019**

Mr. Balek asked Mr. Bradley about status of Tree City USA and Growth Award applications. Mr. Bradley informed that both have been submitted.

**B. Arbor Day**

Mr. Balek has set a tentative date and time of April 3, 2020 at 2PM at the Carthage Jr. High school. Mr. Skinner will be working with Ms. Brownfield from the school to determine what type of presentation will be needed and to discuss the type of fruit tree to be planted.

**C. Approved tree list**

Mr. Balek presented samples of Approved tree list from other cities in the area to determine what format the board would like to use. Mr. Skinner suggested reviewing the Missouri Invasive Species List to include on the list as well. Mr. Stringer suggested to add a list of trees not recommended as well, those that are susceptible to disease. Mr. Smith will work on getting a rough draft for the next meeting.

**D. Food Truck Friday**

Mr. Balek asked for recommendations on date and times to set up a booth. Mr. Smith suggested May 8<sup>th</sup>. He will also work to partner with CWEP during the event. Mr. Skinner will provide educational materials and Tree Value tags. Mr. Skinner also suggested giving out seedlings at the booth. Mr. Bradley will order 100 seedlings for the event. Mr. Stringer with contact Niki Cloud to arrange getting a booth site. Discussed possibly doing a second event in August.

**2. New Business**

**A. Board Members**

Mr. Smith requested the Board work on filling the vacancy on the board. Mr. Balek will post on the Facebook page looking for a new member. New prospects will call the Parks office and leave a name and number for the Tree Board to review at the next meeting.

**Next meeting set for February 4, 2020. Meeting adjourned 5:15.**

